


McCormick’s Creek State Park

Nature Center Hours:
EST 9:30am-4:00pm
Daily: April-October
Thur-Sun: November-March
Group programs available-
Arrange one month in advance.
Nature Center: (812) 829-4344

Naturalists: Marquita Manley,
Don Larkin, Staci Radford-Vincent
Receptionists: Barbra Toops, Jean
Bowman
Park Office: (812) 829-4344
Property Mgr: Dwight Brooks

Learn how you can earn a free Park Patch – Details at Nature Center
Visit the Interpretive Nature Center for live snakes, a wildlife-viewing room,
exhibits, games, puppets & request to see videos (until 3pm).
Watch for our Hikes 

Children ages 5-18: Are you on the Interpretive Services Discovery Team? Get your expedition log stamped at the Nature Center! Have you journeyed to 8 properties and recorded your memories? Present your stamped expedition log at the Nature Center to claim your Expedition Discovery Kit!

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Get more information at our website: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/interpretiveservices/


Monday - Friday, September and October, Nature Center 9:30am-4:00pm

Many of our weekdays are devoted to school groups. However, you and your family are invited to drop by the Nature Center to tour the exhibits, share information with the Naturalist, watch birds at our wildlife window, or request a nature video.

Check weekends for our scheduled public programs.

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Saturday, October 4


- 10:00am 

Fall Colors Hike –Tidbits about trees as we ID types and discover their fall foliage hues. Meet at the Nature Center. (45 minutes)
- 1:00pm


Make a Leaf Press –(simple craft)—Bring the family to construct a simple plant press and make a fall leaf project. Nature Center (30 min)
- 2:00pm

“Eyewitness: Trees” –Visual presentation of how trees grow. Nature Center (30min)

Sunday, October 5

- 10:00am 


Hike to the Falls –Park history and geology focus on the falls! Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. Bring your camera! (45 min)
- 1:00pm

Bats: The True Story -- Get the real scoop on these flying mammals that come out when the sun goes down! Meet at the Nature Center. (30 min)
- 2:30pm 

Adventures with a Magnifying Glass –See the small and mite-y! Nature Center. (30 min)

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Saturday, October 11

- 10:00am 

Hike to the State House Quarry--Our historic stone quarry furnished stone for the Indianapolis State House was worked until 1887. Meet at Canyon Inn front steps. (1 hr.)
- 1:00pm

Map & Compass for Beginners-- Learn basic techniques for finding your way in the woods. You’ll never have to ask for directions again! Bring your compass—or use ours for this program. Nature Center. (45 min.)

2:30pm **Tree ID and Leaf Rubbings**—Create your own colorful leaf identification page and discover our diversity of trees. Nature Center Outdoor Program Area (45 min)

Sunday, October 12

10:00am  **Fall Scavenger “Nuts & Berries” Hike**—Let’s see what the wildlife will be eating this winter! Meet at the Nature Center. (45 min)

1:00pm **Hammered Leaf Prints**—Pound a print of a bright colored leaf onto a square of cloth—take it home to frame or sew on a pillow or tote bag. Bring your favorite found leaf to the Nature Center. (30 min)

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Saturday, October 18

9am-noon **Photography Workshop—Registered Participants Only**
Outdoor Indiana photographer Richard Fields will share some secrets for creating interesting scenic and wildlife photos using standard 35mm camera and digital equipment. Workshop fee is \$5.00. Regular park entrance fee of \$4.00 for Indiana vehicle, \$5.00 other states, also applies. Pre-register at the park office, 812-829-2235. Workshop meets in the Nature Center program room.

1:00pm **Snakes Alive!** Meet our resident reptiles up close. Learn more about their specific habitats, food preferences, and general lifestyle, including hibernation. Nature Center Outdoor Program Area. (30 min)


2:30pm  **White River Romp** Discover the secrets of Trail 7: sycamores, shade and spicebushes. Meet in the campground parking lot. (1 ½ hr)


Sunday, October 19

10:00am **“Fall Colors of the Eastern Forests”**—informative video showing many types of trees and their typical color patterns. Nature Center program room. (60 min.)

1:00pm **Our Family Tree**—create a colorful fall banner that celebrates trees—and your own family! This simple craft will be set up in the Nature Center program room from 1-2pm.

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Saturday, October 25

10:00am  **Hike to Wolf Cave Nature Preserve**—Watch for animal activity and seasonal changes on this moderate hike. Meet at the Nature Center. (1 hr) HINT: Bring a flashlight to continue to Wolf cave on your own.

1:00pm  **Geology Hike**—See the waterfalls, creek and canyon from a birds eye view on this moderate hike. Nature Center. (1 hr)

Sunday, October 26

10:00am **The Birds!** Meet in the Nature Center wildlife viewing room, to identify the birds that come to our feeders. Get tips on winter birdfeeding. (30 min)

1:00pm **Animal Myths and Legends . . . and Masks!** Just in time for Halloween! Our simple masks can also be used as puppets. Nature Center program room. (30 min)

Saturday, November 1

10:00am  **Bark and Branches Hike**—Learn to recognize trees without their leaves! Meet at the Nature Center. (45 min)

2:00pm **Hurry up and Hibernate!** Find out how animals survive the winter, which ones hibernate, and those that don’t! Nature Center program room. (30 min)

Sunday, November 2

10:00am **Armchair Bird Watch--** Meet in the Nature Center wildlife viewing room, to identify the birds that come to our feeders. Get tips on winter birdfeeding. (30 min)

1-4:00pm **Pioneer Crafts Workshop—Registered Participants Only**

Create seasonal decorations and make simple pioneer toys to celebrate the harvest season! Workshop fee is \$5.00 per person. Regular park entrance fee of \$4.00 for Indiana vehicle, \$5.00 other states, also applies. This workshop is limited to 20 participants, and is recommended for ages 12 through adult. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at the park office, 812-829-2235. Workshop meets in the Nature Center program room.